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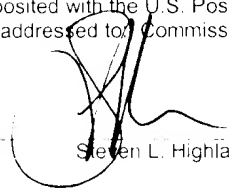
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PATENT

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In re Application of:
Paul McCray et al.

Serial No.: 09 448,613

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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR
INCREASING THE INFECTIVITY OF
GENE TRANSFER VECTORS

Group Art Unit: 1641

Examiner: R. Schnizer

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED JUNE 1, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Commissioner:

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 1, 2001 for which the date for response was July 1, 2001.

A request for a two-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This two-month extension will bring the due date to September 1, 2001, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212 10008931 SLH.

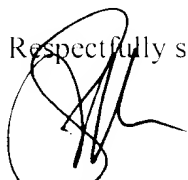
In response to the restriction requirement which the Examiner imposed, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute claims 1-37, 48-52 and 70, *i.e.*, the Group I claims.

In response to the restriction requirement which the Examiner imposed, Applicants elect, the election of species comprising a retrovirus (claim 26), a membrane channel (claim 29) and cystic fibrosis (claim 33), and the combination of a hypotonic solution and an ion chelator. The following is a listing of claims reading upon the elected species and the generic claims:

| Species | Reading On | Generic |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Retrovirus | 1-37, 48-52 and 70 | 1-30, 32-37, 48-51 and 70 |
| Membrane Channel | 1-37, 48-52 and 70 | 1-37, 48-52 and 70 |
| Cystic Fibrosis | 1-37, 48-52 and 70 | 1-37, 48-52 and 70 |
| Hypotonic Soln. - Ion Chelator | 1-12, 26-37 and 70 | 1-12 and 26-37 |

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (512) 536-3184 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,



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